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**Santa Monica Transient Charged with Kidnapping,  
Sexual Assaults of Four Women**

A homeless man who resided in the Santa Monica area was charged today with sexually attacking four women between January and July, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Oksana Sigal said Pablo Carlos Pineda (dob 2/9/84) faces three counts of forcible rape; two counts each of assault with intent to commit a sex crime, kidnapping and second-degree robbery and one count each of assault by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury and assault with a deadly weapon, a brick.

Arraignment in case SA093456 is scheduled today in Department 30 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch.

According to the criminal complaint, the first sexual attack occurred in Santa Monica on Jan. 13, followed by a rape on Feb. 5, the prosecutor said. During a third attack in Beverly Hills on April 15, the alleged victim was beaten with a brick and suffered great bodily injury, the prosecutor added.

On July 2, Pineda allegedly kidnapped and raped a fourth victim in West Los Angeles, according to the felony complaint. The defendant was arrested in the MacArthur Park area on July 19.

The prosecutor is requesting \$2.63 million bail.

If convicted as charged, Pineda faces a possible maximum sentence of 25 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Santa Monica Police Department.

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